

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4th, 1980, BOARD MEETING OF DADE HERITAGE TRUST

The meeting was called to order by President Sallye Jude in her home at 8 p.m. Present were Claire Frazier, Mark Buchbinder, Sandra Cook, Marion Stokley, Wayne Williams, Les Beilinson, Jackee Major, Ivan Rodriguez, Rene Mura, Gary Greenan, Gordon Pimm and Sharon Clark.

The minutes of the April 30 meeting which had been mailed to board members were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ivan reported on the May 14 workshop about historic preservation sponsored by Metro-Dade County. He said the afternoon session concentrated on two legislative developments. Lee Gruber presented the bill on historic preservation that was before the state legislature and discussed its ramifications. Ivan, representing the City of Miami planning department and survey team, presented plans for an alternative interim system. Ivan reports plans are moving ahead and that a small group will meet on Friday, June 13, to finalize details and objectives of an advisory committee on historical preservation. Commissioner Ruth Shack is inviting organizations to send representatives to participate in the first organizational meeting on June 19.

Sallye reported DHT provided the lunch for the May 14 meeting, and the Villagers provided dessert.

Preservation Week: Sallye reported that Rafael Kapustin, owner of the Boulevard Shops, was very enthusiastic about DHT holding its Preservation Week activities at the Boulevard Shops. Les Beilinson did a great job in displaying photographs of historic sites in Dade County, and Wayne Williams donated a banner for the outside of the Shops. Six memberships came in as a result of the drive conducted there during the week. Sallye felt perhaps because other shops were not open, there was less traffic than might have been expected.

Work Party: Sallye reported that during the recent work party at Dr. Jackson's, the screens were taken off and the shutters put away. However, because the front is torn up with street work, digging and laying water pipes, it was decided not to have any more work parties there until the work area is stabilized.

National Legislation: Sallye reported that Dolly MacIntyre sent out 50 postcards to congressmen pointing out that the proposed cuts in the historic preservation budget by the President weren't proportionate. Sallye received a letter from Congressman Lehman saying balancing the budget was the major concern of Carter. If the cuts are approved, 17 projects in the State of Florida would be affected, including the Alamo in Dade County.

Coral Gables House Meeting: Sallye reported about 25 people attended the meeting at Coral Gables House. She felt attendance may have been hampered by the fact that the original date had to be reset because of the riots in Miami in May. The check DHT had sent to reserve the House for the meeting was returned by Louisa Hoffman who thanked DHT for its efforts in helping with the preservation efforts at Coral Gables House.

Executive Director: Sallye reported that Dolly had placed ads for an executive director that would appear in July publications.

Thanks: Claire Frazier, immediate past president of DHT was given a European crystal paperweight in appreciation for her service as president.

Calendar: Possible sites for the 1981 calendar were discussed. They include the Grant family home, Coral Gables Women's Club, Santa Maria, Clyde Courts, Homewood, Neva King Cooper School in South Dade, Lyric Theater, Central Baptist Church, Boulevard Shops, Plummer Home, Surf Club, and Tatum residence. Gwen Hammersmith is looking for shops to sell them. Les suggested finding someone each to underwrite cost of printing calendar. Also discussed was the possibility of selling ads, enlarging the calendar and doing something for Peter Zorn who has done the graphic work for several years.

Wagner Homestead: Sallye reported an emergency situation existed as the roof is in bad shape. It would be neglectful on part of DHT not to do something to correct as rainy season was approaching. Dollye called a meeting for June 18 at her home to review structural research on the home. Les suggested renting or borrowing a tarp to cover the building until funds are available to do a good roof, not just a patch job.

Dr. Jackson's: Sallye reported a temporary security system was now installed. The City of Miami has asked DHT to request additional funds for its projects. Sallye was to ask Liz Plater-Zyberk to draft a letter seeking the additional \$50,000 in funds since the City had already invested about \$150,000 in the project.

July Picnic: It was decided that the July meeting would be a picnic which will be held the 19th at Bill Baggs State Park starting at 4:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring guests and their own picnic dinners. DHT will provide drinks and a park ranger will speak about the historic lighthouse.

Budget: Jackee Major has volunteered to work with Gordon Pimm. He has not received budget proposals from those heading committees. He would like to hear from committee chairmen before the next meeting so he can present a budget at the next board meeting. Sallye announced she would like to move forward to get commitment from corporations. She gave Darlene Russell a list of those indicating some interest

NEW BUSINESS

DHT received a letter from John Mahon, new president of the Florida Historical Society, requesting DHT's support in stopping a new road which would run through Dade Battlefield in Sumter County for the convenience of a few families. The Board unanimously approved of lending support through a letter.

It was moved and seconded that DHT contribute to the "I Want to Work Program" sponsored by the Miami Herald to help victims of the Miami riots. However, the motion did not carry. Instead, it was agreed that Mark should write a letter to the Black Archives offering DHT services or expertise in various fields.

Sallye reported the Miami Design Preservation League needs support in developing its neighborhood programs. She also said the National Trust asked us to distribute public service announcements to local television stations and that Mari Mooney volunteered to do the job.

Sharon Clark
Secretary
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